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SEE

"THE NEW SAMARITANS"



SUNDAY, 7:15 P.M.

Pastor's Paragraphs

"SOME THOUGHTS REGARDING THE NEW YEAR"

I have said it before. I'll say it again. No minister has ever pastored a more thoughtful people. Thank you, thank you



for your many Christmas as remembrances. The cards were beautiful. We deeply appreciate the gifts. (If I don't weigh 225 pounds by the 15th of January — it won't be your fault!)

Our thoughts now turn to the year 1973. Most of us will be making resolutions. I trust that we will keep them.

Are you open for some suggestions? Consider these:
I WILL forget the past and honor God more in 1973!

"... forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." — Phil. 3:13b, 14.

I WILL live for Christ before the world!
 "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." — Phil. 1:21.

I WILL trust God with a strong faith!
 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1.

I WILL be faithful to my Church!
 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25.

I WILL honor God with my income!
 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Malachi 3:10.

I WILL help bear the other's burdens!
 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2.

I WILL train whatever talents God has given me for His Church!
 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." — 2 Timothy 2:15.

BUS MINISTRY REPORT

Bus No.	Captain	Enrolled	Riders	New Riders
1	Sherry Corley	39	11	1
2	Max Dickson	43	23	0
3	Rat Trigg	32	14	0
4	Jim Schappaugh	27	19	0
5	Richard Sellers	35	24	0
6	Jim Prim	35	29	0
		211	120	1
Workers			37	
Total on Buses			157	

We are real proud of the fine numbers we have been having on the buses during the holidays. Our attendance dropped some but much of this drop can be accounted for by people being out of town.

We enjoyed having many of our college students back home and as usual they came and worked on the bus routes. They did a great job for us.

We have had many new people join the bus crews as of late. We need many more to work and make this ministry a success. If you would like to help on the buses please call the Church Office or call Max Dickson, 456-4746.

REMEMBER YOUR 1973 PLEDGE

Many of us as we pledged to the 1973 Budget made plans to increase our weekly giving to the church. You will remember that your 1973 pledge is now in effect. Sunday will be the very first Sunday of the new year. Whether you pledged or not, let's all increase our giving!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, January 8, 1973
 Our Men's Team Vs. Heights Baptist Church, at Malcolm Yonge Gym.

I WILL faithfully witness to the Lost!
 "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." — Psalms 126:5, 6.
 Make every effort to be in God's House this coming Sunday. I'll look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully in Christ,

James L. Pleitz

BAPTIST WOMEN GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 9, 1973

9:30 A.M.—MARY SAUNDERS at the church in the "Cellar," M.A.E. Visitation at the Church.

10:00 A.M.—RALPH BETHEA with Mrs. Frank Patterson, 4007 Mendez Dr.

VIRGINIA COBB with Mrs. W. A. Hibbert and Mrs. Wilson Harris, 1716 Osceola Avenue.

STANLEY DAVIS with Mrs. C. E. Dannelly and Mrs. W. L. Patterson, 1915 E. Avery St.

DOTTSON MILLS with Mrs. Jack Baldwin, 2990 Blackshear Avenue.

CHARLOTTE OWENS with Mrs. W. T. Creel, 337 Plantation Hill Drive, Gulf Breeze.
LAURA FRANCES SNOW with Mrs. Herman Johnson, 1701 E. Hernandez St.

DALE TERRY with Mrs. T. J. Parda, 903 W. Moreno St.

2:00 P.M.—HARVEY HEADRICK with Mrs. Gladys Knight and Mrs. LeNita Getman, 208 W. Strong St., Apartment 3.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday, January 7: "Both Lord and Christ"
Acts 2:29-36.

Monday, January 8: "Repent and Be Converted"
Acts 3:12-19.

Tuesday, January 9: "None Other Name"
Acts 4:7-12.

Wednesday, January 10: "We Are His Witnesses"
Acts 5:25-33.

Thursday, January 11: "Speaking Through the Spirit"
Acts 7:47-56.

Friday, January 12: "Believe with All Your Heart"
Acts 8:36-40.

Saturday, January 13: "All May Be Saved"
Acts 10:34-43.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN THE HOSPITALS:

Baptist

Sherry Lynn Fleming, Mr. James C. Cunningham, Mr. H. T. Lenz, Mr. Jim Prim, Mr. Frank Hamilton

Sacred Heart

Mr. D. L. McDavid, Mrs. Clemmie Steele, Mrs. L. D. (Elizabeth) Allen

Navy Hospital

Mr. G. B. Lowe

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Lon Roberts, Mr. James R. Stewart, Mr. Raymond Barrow, Mrs. Dennis (Sharlyn) Kelly, Dr. John Coker, Mr. George Holladay

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Edna Jean Lundy and Donald H. Johnson on their marriage December 7.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are in memory of Mr. D. C. Parker and are given by Mrs. D. C. Parker.

SERMON TOPICS

11:00 A.M.

"1973—YOUR VERY BEST YEAR!"

(Joshua 3)

7:15 P.M.

"THE NEW SAMARITANS"

(The film of the Medical-Musical Mission to the Dominican Republic)

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Each member of the Sunday School and Church have been mailed their 1973 church envelopes. You will want to use these beginning next Sunday. In fact, it would help if you would destroy any that you may have left over from last year.

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All material to be included in the Builder should be in the office, preferably in writing, not later than 9:00 a.m. Mondays.

LOOKING AT LAST WEEK

The Church in Study	1049
Main Sunday School	1038
Crippled Children's Home	11
The Church in Training	294
Christian Training Hour	147
Other Training Activities	147
Tithes and Offerings:	
Budget	\$15,421.07
Specials	\$ 9,259.68
Building Fund	\$ 2,350.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$27,030.75

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Our January Bible Study of the book of Galatians, is to be led by Dr. Nolan Howington. The date is January 28-30.

FOR YOUR FREE COPY

"The New Samaritans," a Radio and Television production showing our church at work in the Dominican Republic, is scheduled to be shown across the Nation in January.

To gauge the response of the viewers, a free booklet offer is presented at the conclusion of the film.

You should write for a copy of the book "The Human Dimension" and add a note of appreciation for the film.

Simply write: The Human Dimension
Ft. Worth, Texas 76116

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, January 7

- * 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School
—New Member's Class, Session 1
- 4:45 P.M.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:15 P.M.—Explorer's Bible Drill
- * 6:00 P.M.—Christian Training Hour
- * 7:15 P.M.—Evening Worship

Tuesday, January 9

- Baptist Women Group meetings, listed elsewhere.
- 9:30 A.M.—Mission Adventure Workshop, Boulevard Baptist Church

Wednesday, January 10

- * 4:45 P.M.—Choirs
- * 5:50 P.M.—Fellowship Dinner
- * 6:30 P.M.—Sunday School Officers and Teacher's Meeting, Mission Friends, GA's, Acteens and RA's
- * 7:30 P.M.—Prayer Service
- * 8:00 P.M.—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30 A.M.—Assoc. WMU Directors meeting and Mission Friends Leaders, E. Brent Baptist Church.

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY

January 10, 1973

Smothered Steak and Gravy	
Rice	Green Lima Beans
	Rolls
Tea	Coffee
	Fudge Squares

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal\$11,000.00
Offering to date\$11,603.68

This is hallelujah time for WMU! Our Lottie Moon offering goal has been exceeded. We thank you one and all for your generous gifts. We urge ourselves and you to back our gifts of money with our steadfast prayer support. Giving the money is easier than knowing where in the world to use it. Pray for our Mission Boards, our Missionaries, and those to whom they minister.